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Gives Name, Rank, CIA Number Only

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In the best cloak-and-dagger tradition a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency visited Rockford Thursday.

He didn't find what he was looking for and left as quickly as he had come.

But he did admit a few facts to a reporter who found him at the Rockford College Campus.

Name: L. H. Gage. Occupation: Personnel representative for the CIA.

From there on it was a tough interview.

Gage wouldn't have his picture taken, explaining only that the CIA doesn't look kindly on having its employees pictures in the paper.

"We try to go about our work as quietly as we can," he said quietly.

Loosening up a bit, he admitted that he works out of a Chicago office, but refused to say more about the office except that he was its only occupant.

When pressed, he said he had come to Rockford College to interview students interested in working for the CIA.

He talked to only one student, but had found out that the student plans to go into the armed forces after graduation.

Neither he nor the college administration would identify the student.

Asked how many persons he interviews yearly, he said, "I don't even tell my boss in Washington that."

For further information, he said he could only refer the reporter to a brochure about em-

ployment opportunities with the CIA.

The brochure had undoubtedly been scanned by dozens of agents and found free of any incriminating information.

It said, "The new employee will find both opportunity and encouragement to progress in professional stature and responsibility. The agency provides its employees an environment conducive to intellectual satisfaction and harmonious associations."

Nothing more was said about the environments a CIA agent was likely to find himself in nor about those "harmonious associations."

It left much to the imagination.

Among the specific skills the CIA is looking for are persons who know something about forestry, geography, history, economics, library science and journalism.

It probably helps to know how to fly a U-2.

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